visions which related to the National Science Foundation and innovation centers, and reports to be made to the Administration and Congress.

Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 98–395, §2(7), substituted "at least semiannually" for "at least quarterly". Subsec. (i)(1). Pub. L. 98–395, §2(8), substituted "shall" for "may".

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 98-395, §2(9), substituted provisions mandating that the Administration develop and implement program proposals for onsite evaluation of each Small Business Development Center for provisions which related to the establishment of program evaluation plans and their submission to Congressional com-

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-135 effective Oct. 1, 1997, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-135, set out as a note under section 631 of this title.

#### Effective Date of 1996 Amendments

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-208 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 3 of Pub. L. 104-208, set out as a note under section 633 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-121 effective on expiration of 90 days after Mar. 29, 1996, see section 216 of Pub. L. 104-121, set out in a Small Business Regulatory Fairness note under section 601 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 101-574, title II, \$201(a)(2), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2818, provided that: "The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply to contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for performance commencing on or after October 1, 1991, Contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements the performance of which commences before October 1, 1991, shall receive funding for the entire term of performance without regard to the amendment made by paragraph (1) and according to the State's pro rata share of a \$65,000,000 program as computed on the effective date of this section [Nov. 15, 1990] under population estimates used for calendar year 1990 agreements, plus \$50,000 for each State, but no State shall receive less than \$200,000.

Pub. L. 101-515, title V, §5(c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2142, provided that: "The amendments to the second proviso in subsection (a)(4) [15 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)] made by subsection (a) of this section shall apply to contracts, grants or cooperative agreements for performance commencing on or after October 1, 1991; contracts, grants or cooperative agreements for performance commencing prior thereto shall receive funding for the entire term of performance without regard to this amendment and according to the State's pro rata share of a \$65,000,000 program as computed on the effective date of this section [Nov. 5, 1990] under population estimates used for calendar year 1990 agreements, plus \$50,000 for each State, but no State shall receive less than \$200,000."

### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES

Pub. L. 96-302, title II, § 204, July 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 848, as amended by Pub. L. 98-177, Nov. 29, 1983, 97 Stat. 1125; Pub. L. 98-395, §4, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1368; Pub. L. 101-162, title V, (6), Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1028, which provided for the repeal, effective Oct. 1, 1991, of sections 201 and 202 of Pub. L. 96-302, which enacted this section and provisions set out as a note under section 631 of this title and redesignated section 2[21] as 2[30] of Pub. L. 85-536, set out as a note under section 631 of this title, was repealed by Pub. L. 101-515, §5(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2142, and Pub. L. 101-574, title II, §201(b), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2818.

Section effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 507 of Pub. L. 96-302, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 631 of this title.

### SHORT TITLE

For short title of title II of Pub. L. 96-302 as the Small Business Development Center Act of 1980, see

Short Title of 1980 Amendment note set out under section 631 of this title.

#### REGULATIONS.

Pub. L. 102-366, title II, §223(b), Sept. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 1000, as amended by Pub. L. 103-81, §9(c), Aug. 13, 1993, 107 Stat. 783, provided that not later than 180 days after Sept. 4, 1992, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration was to submit to the Committees on Small Business and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives proposed regulations for the Small Business Development Center Program authorized by this section.

### SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Pub. L. 101–574, title II,  $\S 231$ , Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2823, as amended by Pub. L. 102–564, title III,  $\S 302,$  Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4262, established within the Small Business Administration a Small Business Technology Transfer Demonstration Program to demonstrate the feasibility of providing small businesses with education, training, and technical assistance with respect to technology transfer and application and provided that the Program would terminate on Sept. 30, 1995.

### REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

## §648a. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-140, title VI, § 609(e), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 826

Section, Pub. L. 85-536, §2[21A], as added Pub. L. 101-515, title V, §9(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2144, related to Small Business Development Center Technical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL; TERMINATION OF FUNDING

Pub. L. 102-140, title VI, §609(e), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 826, provided that: "Notwithstanding any other law, no funds shall be appropriated to carry out section 21A of the Small Business Act [15 U.S.C. 648a] after September 30, 1991, and such section is repealed October 1, 1992.'

### § 648b. Grants for SBDCs

### (a) In general

The Administrator may make grants to small business development centers under section 648 of this title to provide targeted technical assistance to small business concerns seeking access to capital or credit, Federal procurement opportunities, energy efficiency audits to reduce energy bills, opportunities to export products or provide services to foreign customers, adopting, making innovations in, and using broadband technologies, or other assistance.

# (b) Allocation

## (1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), and notwithstanding the requirements of section 648(a)(4)(C)(iii) of this title, the amount appropriated to carry out this section shall be allocated under the formula under section 648(a)(4)(C)(i) of this

## (2) Minimum funding

The amount made available under this section to each State shall be not less than \$325,000.